

I. *Afraid of What People Think About Me*

1. *Pleasing God often means disappointing people*
2. *Becoming obsessed with what people think about you is the quickest way to forget what God thinks about you*
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II. *Living for God instead of People*

1. *If you're not ready to be criticized for your obedience to God, you're not ready to be used by God*
2. *Extraordinary acts of God often start with ordinary acts of obedience*
3. *We always give our best to what we value the most*



Fear of What People Think About Me

Matthew 1:18-24 "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife."